

REVISED (09/14/06)
Final Results of Top Five Preferences Voting
(Ties resulted in a final list of ten items)

The choices the committee voted on were based on the results of a list created by brainstorming possible income sources for sustainable funding. Below is the outcome of their voting to prioritize ideas to explore further.

Listed in order of number of votes received—total votes for each in brackets

1. (tie) look at how lottery money is being spent and direct it back to conservation [9]
(tie) infrastructure fund (ie, \$\$ from new casinos) [9]
3. fractional percentage *increase* in the retail sales tax [8]
4. (tie) fractional percentage increase of *existing* retail sales tax [5]
(tie) fractional percentage (severance) tax on finished product of all bio-fuels [5]
(tie) increase in bottle return bill [5]
7. (tie) tax incentives/credits for benefits to conservation [4]
(tie) real estate transfer fund [4]
(tie) check into the dedicated environmental tax re: UST done paying off bonds in 5 yrs [4]
(tie) “teaming with wildlife” tax on recreational products [4]

The following items tied for 11th-14th places, if committee wishes to still consider

- (tie) tax on those who adversely affect the environment (multiple topics) [3]
- (tie) tie tax credits on land to conservation and/or soil & water conservation [3]
- (tie) user fees (ie, state parks, trails, etc.) [3]
- (tie) fee on water metered above 2000 gal. [3]

All other items received 0-2 votes each.